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SUMMARY: MINSTATE AZIZ AHMED TOLD TELEVISION AUDIENCE THAT GOP SEEKS "FRIENDLY" RELATIONS WITH INDIA AND WILL NOT USE FORCE IN KASHMIR. HE STILL CLAIMED THAT RECENT ALLEGED INDIAN AND AFGHAN TROOP MOVEMENTS WERE COORDINATED, HOWEVER, AND CHARGED KASHMIR "SELL-OUT" BY SHEIKH ABDULLAH. HE DENOUNCED NAP LEADER WALI KHAN AT LENGTH. END SUMMARY.

1 MINSTATE FOR DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS AZIZ AHMED HELD TELEVISED PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 20. BULK OF HALF-HOUR CONFERENCE TAKEN UP WITH LONG PREPARED STATEMENT DENOUNCING WALI KHAN AND ANSWERING HIS RECENT CRITICISMS OF PAK FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC POLICY (REF.A AND B). SPEAKING IN COLD MEASURED TONES AND THUMPING TABLE FOR EMPHASIS, MINSTATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CASTIGATED WALI FOR "GROTESQUE DISTORTION OF HISTORY,"

FOR INSULTING QAUID-I-AZAM AND FOR SERVING AS STOOGE TO INDIA AND AFGHANISTAN. TONE AND CONTENT GENERALLY ECHOED BHUTTO'S RECENT SPEECHES DURING NWFP VISIT.

2. DURING QUESTION PERIOD FOLLOWING READING OF STATEMENT, AZIZ AHMED COMMENTED ON BROADER ASPECTS PAK POLICIES. HE REPEATED EARLIER GOP CHARGES THAT INDIA AND AFGHANISTAN HAD "MOVED IN UNISON" IN ALLEGEDLY DEPLOYING TROOPS ALONG PAK BORDERS RECENTLY, ALTHOUGH HIS TONE LACKED THE CONCERN OF EARLIER STATEMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT. INDIAN TROOP MOVEMENTS, HE CONTINUED, ALSO APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN IN PREPARATION FOR DEAL OF SOME SORT BETWEEN GOI AND SHEIKH ABDULLAH, WHO WAS PREPARING A "SELL-OUT" OF HIS PEOPLE.

3. WHEN CORRESPONDENT ASKED HIM IF HE CARED COMMENT ON BHUTTO'S PROMISE DURING HIS AZAD KASHMIR VISIT LAST FALL TO CALL A HARTAL IN INDIAN KASHMIR, AZIZ AHMED RESPONDED WITH CRISP "NO COMMENT". CORRESPONDENT THEN ASKED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF GUERRILLAS FROM PAKISTAN WERE TO CROSS INTO INDIAN KASHMIR TO ASSIST THEIR BRETHREN AGAINST SELL-OUT BY SHEIKH ABDULLAH. MINSTATE REPLIED THAT PAKISTAN WOULD HAVE TO PREVENT ANY SUCH MOVE BECAUSE GOP WAS COMMITTED UNDER SIMLA ACCORD NOT TO ALTER SITUATION IN KASHMIR BY FORCE.

4. ON QUESTIONS REGARDING PAK RELATIONS WITH VARIOUS NEIGHBORS, AZIZ AHMED DECLARED THAT "WE HAVE NO INFORMATION SO FAR WHETHER OR TO WHAT EXTENT THE SOVIET LEADERS HAVE PROMISED TO SUPPORT AFGHANISTAN CLAIMS ON OUR TERRITORY AND AFGHANISTAN'S RIGHT TO INTERVENE IN OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS". PAKISTAN HAD NOT ASKED FOR ASSURANCES FROM SOVIET UNION IN THIS REGARD, ALTHOUGH MATTER MIGHT BE TAKEN UP WHEN BHUTTO VISITS MOSCOW, HE REPEATED EARLIER COMMENT (REF.A) THAT RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS WERE GOOD BUT NOT AS GOOD AS PAKS WISHED. ASSURANCES RECEIVED FROM US AND CHINA HE TERMED "SATISFACTORY". ASKED WHETHER ANY OTHER MUSLIM NATION HAD BEEN ASKED TO HELP RECONCILE PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN, HE SAID GOP HAD NOT APPROACHED ANY OTHER STATE IN THIS REGARD BUT WOULD WELCOME IT SHOULD ONE OF THEM WISH TO TRY.

5. ASKED ABOUT HIS JULY 9 LETTER TO SWARAN SINGH, MINSTATE  
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SAID THAT CONDITIONS SPECIFIED FOR RENEWAL OF TALKS WERE NOT "ONEROUS" AND WOULD NOT PROVE AN OBSTACLE IF INDIANS WISHED TO RESUME DIALOGUE. "WE WANT NOT ONLY NORMAL RELATIONS WITH INDIA BUT FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH INDIA", HE SAID, STRESSING WORD "FRIENDLY". ASKED ABOUT PRESS REPORTS THAT SPOKESMAN IN DELHI HAD EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH JULY 9 LETTER, HE SAID HE WOULD NOT COMMENT ON PRESS REPORTS BUT WAS AWAITING SWARAN SINGH'S REPLY. WHEN IT COMES "I EXPECT

IT WILL BE A HELPFUL ONE".

6 COMMENT: WHILE STILL CLINGING TO EARLIER CHARGES OF  
INDO-AFGHAN COMPLICITY, AZIZ AHMED'S REMARKS ON INDIA  
CONTINUED CONCILIATORY LINE NOTED IN PAST FEW WEEKS  
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